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"We are not separate and autonomous divisions of government. We are organized in departments, based primarily on the nature of our activities, solely for the purpose of conducting more efficiently the business of government. We are one team; and if we do not communicate one with another we cannot expect to carry out our duties properly to the people of Alberta."

Peter Lougheed

An opinion survey regarding Public Assistance in Alberta is just about complete according to the contractor, Socio-Systems of Calgary. A preliminary report is tentatively scheduled for mid-December.

Analysis of formal submissions to the Background Paper on Public Assistance will begin after November 15th, the cut-off date established by the Department of Health and Social Development. In excess of 2,500 "papers" have been circulated throughout the province.

Budget Bureau reminder . . . re 1973-74 estimate submissions due October 31st. Forward to Treasury as soon as possible.

Effective immediately the Diagnostic and Treatment Centre, 12320 — 124th Street, in Edmonton, will be known as "Westfield". The name was chosen by the facilities' children.

The division of Epidemiology, Department of Health and Social Development, is preparing a program design for the study of the prevalence and nature of Handicaps in Alberta for the Department's new Division of Services to the Handicapped.

"**The P.E.P. Program** of the Alberta government will be in effect again this year under the direction of Dave Chabillon. Some funds will be available for government departments for research, special projects, etc. which the departments might not otherwise be able to undertake." A.E. Hohol, Manpower and Labour.

"**The 10 page paper on censorship review** recommends that the onus be placed on the producers, distributors and exhibitors of films to comply with obscenity laws of the land and that the former 3-man censorship board be replaced with a new 5 member classification board. What I am saying is that the film and publishing industry cannot have their cake and eat it too." Ernie Jamison, Chairman Select Committee on Censorship.

"An inability to communicate appears to pervade all sectors of society today, and our every action — or inaction — constitutes a communication. In any big institution, whether corporation, government or school, size inevitably makes communication more difficult and impersonal. Communication is a prime task and responsibility of leadership." Dr. Charles F. Joves, in the publication "The Chief Executive."

WILD ROSE COUNTRY

Wild Rose Country is the slogan on the new 1973 licence plates which will be distributed early in 1973. The Department of Highways hopes to introduce a new expression each year rather than maintain the same expression year after year. Each year the expression could either signify a very important part of Alberta's or Canada's history or attempt to point out a unique feature of Alberta. The Department is giving serious consideration to recognizing the 100th Anniversary in the year 1974 of the arrival of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Alberta. The word "Alberta" on the licence plate will not reflect the signature style now officially adopted by the Executive Council, since it had to be chosen by January of 1972, but it will reflect an interim design that had gained wide acceptance at that time.

ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TELEPHONES IN SPACE

J.W. Dodds, General Manager of A.G.T., attended the launching of Anik, the world's first fully commercially manufactured satellite, at Coco Beach, Florida, November 9th. A.G.T. is part owner of the satellite through its association with the Trans-Canada Telephone System. Placed in synchronous orbit 22,500 miles in space, the satellite is designed to improve communication with northern Canada and will operate in conjunction with earth stations across the country. Anik is actually a sophisticated microwave tower in space.

NEW ARTS FOUNDATION ACT

Under the new Alberta Arts Foundation Act, an annual provincial government grant of \$50,000 will be available through the Alberta Arts Foundation to foster and promote the enjoyment of; to collect, preserve and display; and to encourage works of art of Alberta artists. There are nine members of the foundation appointed to a variety of three, two and one year terms.

Government departments receiving queries from people about the new Foundation, operating under the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation, are advised to contact Mr. Walter Kaasa, Cultural Development Branch, 229-3470 for complete details.

AGT BUILDING IN CALGARY

Demolition of the former Greyhound Building in downtown Calgary began November 8th, making way for construction of AGT's multi-storied long distance equipment building, which is to commence March 12, 1973. The building is to be completed in January, 1975. About 12 million dollars worth of switching equipment will then be installed and in service by mid-1976.

The rapid growth of Calgary and surrounding district has made it necessary for AGT to provide for higher capacity long distance facilities. Construction of the building adjacent to the existing Seventh Avenue Building will permit a simple extension of facilities, thus eliminating the very costly alternative of trunking to a site outside the downtown area.

VISUAL IDENTITY PROGRAM

A total concept of visual identity for all Alberta government departments, agencies, boards and commissions has been developed by the Bureau of Public Affairs. It was passed under Order in Council of November 7th, 1972.

Generally stated, the Bureau of Public Affairs will be responsible for the co-ordination and implementation of the program. Visual identity deals with the use of a single, styled Alberta signature and/or the Alberta Provincial shield. Application of the standardized identification will be in all forms from business cards and letterheads to departmental identification.

Full details on the Visual Identity Program are being presented to a meeting of Deputy Ministers and then to each department in depth as the Deputy Minister sees fit.

If you have an immediate problem in this regard call Creative Services, Bureau of Public Affairs, 229-3831.

SUBMISSIONS INVITED

All aspects of foreign investment are being studied by a Select Committee of the Legislature chaired by Edmonton-Strathcona M.L.A., Julian Koziak. Briefs are requested by December 1st, with public hearings scheduled December 11 to 15 (times and places to be announced) and the report to be submitted to the spring sitting of the Legislature.

The Committee will investigate and assess methods of providing opportunities and incentives for Albertans and Canadians "to invest in the equity ownership" of companies operating in the province. "Economic consequences of any proposed new Federal restrictions on investment in Alberta" will also be studied.

Any government department having relevant information is requested to forward it to the Chairman, Julian Koziak.

AS OTHERS SEE US

An opinion survey conducted for the Bureau of Public Affairs revealed among other interesting facts that 75% of all Albertans do not perceive that they have any dealings with the Alberta government. This even though nearly all Albertans over 18 do indeed have dealings with the provincial government.

Intercom will carry a resume of the survey in an early issue.

NEW OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES ACT REGULATIONS

... now in effect include

- If used on public land — \$5.00 licence fee
- compulsory public liability, property damage and accident benefits insurance

Persons under 14 operate off-highway vehicles in public place only if accompanied by an adult.

Licence plates for off-highway vehicles are on sale at all Motor Vehicle Branch offices, Provincial Treasury Branches and authorized Motor Vehicle Licensing Agencies within the province.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The government has retained the services of L.W. Downey Associates Ltd., with a view to **redirecting government research projects to private enterprise**, as enunciated by the Premier during last year's provincial election campaign. Dr. Downey was chosen for his familiarity with the workings of the provincial government; his knowledge of the research community in Alberta and the expertise available to enable him to get the best job done. It is hoped this new arrangement will help avoid unnecessary duplication of research projects.

The agreement provides for the company to carry out research work in **economic, social, education and related fields**, as requested by any government department, agency; university, college, crown corporation; or any other Alberta government funded board, commission or body.

All research projects will be coordinated through W. Helen Hunley, Minister without Portfolio. Areas of specific concern to government departments could be handled through this research agreement.

THE CABINET COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The system of Cabinet Standing Committees now being used by the Executive Council may well be of interest to senior public service personnel. The purpose of the Committees is to provide a regular opportunity for the very necessary lateral communication, at the Ministerial level, between departments thus assuring that the decision making process is made with an overview of government rather than department policy. In addition to preserving Cabinet time, by having in-depth and detailed policy discussion at the Committee level, the Committees also provide members with the opportunity for reaction to new concepts. The Committees are so structured that appropriate Ministers are appointed to the Committees on which they can provide the optimum benefit to the deliberations. The Committees meet for two hours on alternate Wednesday mornings.

Although membership is as noted, any Minister can attend any Committee meeting. Agendas are circulated a week in advance to all Ministers and resumé of the meeting circulated the day after the meeting to all Ministers. Items on the Committee agendas can subsequently go:

- (a) to Cabinet for decision, or
- (b) to Cabinet as a report of the Committee, or
- (c) to departments for implementation

In order to assure that the Committees do not operate in a vacuum, senior officials are invited to provide input to the Committee's decision making process on appropriate agenda items. The Committees are also used for regulation and legislation review, prior to receiving Cabinet discussion and approval.

Following is a listing of Cabinet Committees and their members:

CABINET STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

| | Ec. Pl. & Trans. | Rural Development | Resource Development | Social Planning | Metropolitan Affairs | Education |
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| Adair (2)* | | Adair | | Adair | | |
| Backus (2) | | | | Backus | Backus | |
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| Crawford (2) | | | Dickie | | | |
| Dowling (2) | Dowling | | Dowling | | | |
| Foster (2) | | | | Foster | Foster | Foster |
| Getty (2) | Getty (C) | | Getty (C) | | | |
| Hohol (4) | Hohol | Hohol | | Hohol | Hohol | |
| Horner (2) | Horner | Horner | | | | |
| Hunley (2) | | Hunley | | Hunley | | |
| Hyndman (—) | | | | | | Hyndman |
| Leitch (1) | | | | Leitch | | |
| Miniely (1) | Miniely | | | | | |
| Peacock (4) | Peacock | Peacock | Peacock | | Peacock | |
| Russell (2) | | Russell | | | Russell (C) | |
| Schmid (3) | Schmid | | | Schmid | Schmid | |
| Topolnisky (3) | Topolnisky | Topolnisky (C) | | Topolnisky | | |
| Warrack (3) | Warrack | Warrack | Warrack | | | |
| Werry (2) | | | | Werry | Werry | |
| Yurko (2) | Yurko | | Yurko | | | |

* Indicates Number of Committees Per Member

Note: (1) Horner & Werry ex officio members of Resource Development
(2) Miniely ex officio member of all committees

APPOINTMENTS

Market Development Section, Agriculture:

Mr. A.G. Curtin, Mr. A.A. Presber . . . as Agricultural export marketing officers.

Pat Clarke recently joined the Honourable Clarence Copithorne as his Executive Assistant.

Recent staff changes and transfers of Regional Health and Social Development Administrators:

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| J.M. Gardner | Administrator | Red Deer |
| D.W. Merchant | " | Grande Prairie |
| R. Scotney | " | Medicine Hat |
| L. Anderson | " | Lac La Biche |
| L. Heinemann | " | Wainwright |
| F. Lane | " | High Level |
| A. Failing | " | West Edmonton |

Dr. C.L. Pearson, Director of Medical Services and Dr. W. Watt, Director of Local Health Services, Department of Health and

Social Development, are handling various medical matters, on a temporary basis, for the department following the retirement of Dr. P.B. Rose, Deputy Minister of Public Health Services.

Dr. Pat B. Rose has been appointed a consultant for the Department of Health and Social Development and a member of the Provincial Board of Health. The appointment of "Chairman of the Board", replacing Dr. Rose, is expected shortly.

The Hon. Neil Crawford, Minister of Health and Social Development, along with a number of senior staff, will be attending the November 26th to 28th meeting of Canada's Ministers of Welfare at Victoria, B.C.

DISCUSSION ON SEXUAL DISCRIMINATION SCHEDULED

"If anyone is serious about their managerial role in public service they should consider joining the Institute of Public Administration of Canada." That's the feeling of prominent administrators in the provincial, municipal and academic public service fields.

Next meeting of the Edmonton Regional Group is a case in point.

The provincial Ombudsman, Mr. George McClellan, Mrs. Carol Lutes, Co-ordinator, Office of Equal Opportunity for Women, Ottawa, and Keith Henders, Director of the Human Rights Branch, Alberta Department of Labour, will lead a discussion, "Sexual Discrimination in the Public Service".

Place: Garrison Officers Mess.

Date: Wednesday, November 22nd.

Time: Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:30, Discussion 8:00. Dinner and Meeting \$4.50. Discussion session only \$1.00.

All members, guests or those interested in Institute activities welcome.

Please indicate your planned attendance by phoning Les Usher's secretary at 229-3928. Additional information on the Institute is also available through Mr. Usher, President of the Edmonton Regional Group.

ORDERS IN COUNCIL in SUMMARY — October 31 and November 7

Only the more important OC's are listed here. A total weekly listing is available from Joe Hutton's Office, Legislative Building. Full details on any particular OC's are available from the department involved.

HONOURABLE MR. COPITHORNE

THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT (section 227) — Amendments to Regulations under the Act as to section 9a — classification for operator's licences for vehicles of a certain maximum gross weight; and section 50 respecting the application of demerit points.

THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ACT (section 23) — Approval of new regulations under the Act.

HONOURABLE MR. CRAWFORD

THE ALBERTA HOSPITALS ACT (section 38) — Approving various amendments to the Operation of Approved Hospitals Regulations, providing that upgrading of hospitals requires approval by the Commission; sets physician responsibility as to medical records; outlines requirements where clinical departments are established; and other administrative changes.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (section 7(1)) — Amendments to Provincial Board of Health Regulations Respecting the Qualification & Licensing of Embalmers — respecting examinations conducted by the Board of Examiners and appointment of alternate members of the Board.

HONOURABLE MR. DICKIE

THE GAS RESOURCES PRESERVATION ACT — Consent granted to the use elsewhere than in the Province of natural gas taken from certain lands.

HONOURABLE MR. FOSTER

THE COLLEGES ACT (section 32) — Appointment of Wade B. Eide to the college board of governors of the Medicine Hat College as the member of the student body for a one-year term commencing July 1, 1972.

HONOURABLE DR. HOHOL

THE ALBERTA LABOUR ACT (section 16.1) — Approving a regulation which will permit the Board of Industrial Relations to make Orders confining hours of work within a period of less than 5 days in any week by extending hours of work in a day.

HONOURABLE MR. LEITCH

TRANSFER OF FUNDS — \$25,000 (Appn.1213) — Out of Appn.1209, to provide funds for the Alberta Racing Commission respecting a deficit for the remainder of the 1972-73 fiscal year.

THE LIQUOR LICENSING ACT (section 88) — Designating the Villages of Consort and Burdett as Local Option Areas, pursuant to Board Order No. ADM.-1446.

HONOURABLE MR. PEACOCK

THE RESEARCH COUNCIL ACT (section 11(g)) — Approving appointments, remuneration and termination of appointments of officers of the Research Council.

HONOURABLE MR. RUSSELL

THE ALBERTA HOUSING ACT (section 44) — Approving new regulations under the Act, being the Alberta Housing Corporation Loan Regulations, Part III — Mobile Home Park Loans.

THE PLANNING ACT (section 5) — Authorizing the appointment of Dr. S.N. Odynak to the Provincial Planning Board, replacing Dr. L.G. Hall.

THE ALBERTA HOUSING ACT (section 17(1)) — The sum of \$5,000,000 advanced to the Alberta Housing Corporation out of the current budget for operational and capital costs.

HONOURABLE MR. SCHMID

THE RECREATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (section 6) — Amending Regulations respecting Financial Assistance to Municipalities for Recreation Development — lowering the age of students employed in program leadership to 15 years.

HONOURABLE MR. COPITHORNE

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION — Authorizing an increase of \$200,000 in contract awarded to M.E.L. Paving Limited respecting grading, etc., south of Salisbury Interchange to east of Junction Highway 21.

HONOURABLE MR. CRAWFORD

THE UNIVERSITIES ACT (section 50(4)) — Approving new regulations — Regulations for Housing, Care and Treatment of Animals used for Biologi-

ADDRESSES

All ministers are located in the Legislative Building, with the exception of the Honourable Clarence Copithorne, located in the Highways Building. Mail going to all ministers can reach Mr. Copithorne at the same time if it is delivered to one of the following Legislative Building locations:

Room 302

Premier's area (Linda Whidden)

1st Floor Mail Room

Pickups are made at 10:00 a.m., 1:45 and 3:45 p.m. daily.

New office address for the Calgary South Regional Office, Department of Health and Social Development is:

Executive Place Building,

101 — 727 Sixth Avenue S.W., Calgary

cal of Medical Purposes, which replace regulations presently in force.

THE MARRIAGE ACT (section 11(1)) — Approving the appointment of Bessie L. Algar and cancellation of appointment of Gordon L. Algar, both of Rimbeay, as Marriage Licence Issuers.

HONOURABLE MR. FOSTER

THE COLLEGE ACT (section 32) — Appointment of Brian Schierer of Lethbridge as the member of the student body on the College Board of Governors of the Lethbridge Community College.

THE UNIVERSITIES ACT (section 76b(2)) — Appointment of R.G. Weyant and E.G. Sugars to the Council for the Banff School of Fine Arts and Centre for Continuing Education, replacing R.W. Wright and J.M.A. Robinson.

THE UNIVERSITIES ACT (sections 13 and 14) — Appointment of J.L. Schlosser to the board of The Governors of The University of Alberta, effective November 1, 1972.

HONOURABLE MR. HOHOL

TRANSFER OF FUNDS — \$13,200 — Out of Appn.1725 of the Department of Manpower and Labour to Appn.2822 of the Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation to cover a deficit which occurred as a result of the Summer Temporary Employment Program.

HONOURABLE DR. HORNER

GRANT — \$3,500 (Appn.1122) — To Pioneer Grain Company Ltd., — to provide grain corn drying facilities at Taber.

THE CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS GUARANTEE ACT (section 3) — The Provincial Treasurer to guarantee borrowing by the Sturgeon Gas Co-op Ltd. of \$2,040 and interest thereon for the purpose of installing a natural gas distribution system at Namao.

THE NATIVE CO-OPERATIVE GUARANTEE ACT (section 3) — Guarantee of borrowings by the Fort Chip Handicraft Co-op from the Alberta Opportunity Company of \$475, under specified conditions.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ACT (section 10) (Appn.1186) — Authorizing the Minister to purchase land, and improvements thereon, located north of Spirit River for the sum of \$17,855.

HONOURABLE MR. HYNDMAN

THE NORTHLAND SCHOOL DIVISION ACT (section 4(5) and (6)) — Appointment of Albina Jackknife, Elizabeth Colony, to the Board of Trustees for a 3-year term, and appointing Joyce Parenteau, Paddle River, to complete the unexpired term of office of Jackie Whiteknife.

HONOURABLE MISS HUNLEY

AGREEMENT — Made between the Province, as represented by the Honourable Helen Hunley, and L.W. Downey Research Associates Ltd. to carry out research work in economic, social, education and related fields.

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